
Rule 16b Planning Conference Report Format

United States District Court

For The Northern District of Illinois
Eastern Division

Plaintiff

Larry J. Collier

Case Number: 08 C 227

-v-

Judge: David H. Coar

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., et al

Defendant

REPORT OF PARTIES' PLANNING CONFERENCE

Pursuant to this court's order, Bridgett A. Mitchell, representing plaintiff(s), and Pamela L. Pierro representing the defendant(s), met on April 24, 2008 and April 28, 2008, pursuant to Rule 26(f) to discuss:

- (1) the nature and basis of their claims and defenses;
- (2) the possibilities for a prompt settlement or resolution of this case;
- (3) to make or arrange for the disclosures required under Rule 26(a)(1); and
- (4) to develop a discovery plan.

To that end, the parties propose the following:

A. The issues in this case may be simplified by taking the following steps:

1. The parties propose that this matter proceed with the normal course of written discovery and deposition discovery.

B. The following modifications to the discovery requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or Local Rules should be made in order to expedite discovery:

1. None.

C. Discovery will be needed on the following subjects:

1. Medical records/ bills of Plaintiff's physicians and disability status.
2. Liability
3. Causation of accident

D. Discovery should/should not be conducted in phases.

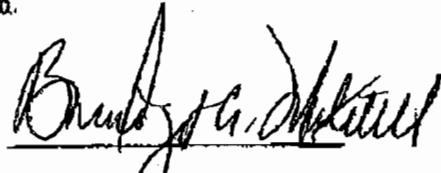
E. Discovery is likely to be contentious and management of discovery should be referred to the Magistrate Judge. Yes _____ No X _____

F. The parties consent/do not consent to this matter being referred to the Magistrate Judge for final disposition.

G. The parties have discussed the possibility of alternative dispute resolution and concluded that the parties are amenable to alternative dispute resolution at a future date after fact discovery has been concluded.

H. The plaintiff is not yet in a position to make a written demand, due to the fact that there outstanding medical bills not yet received and future disability issues. Once plaintiff is aware of the extent of the medical bills, he will be in a position to propound a written demand.

I. The Court should consider the following methods of expediting the resolution of this matter: non-binding mediation.



Attorney for Plaintiff



Attorney for Defendant

Judge Coar
United States District Judge